

I support media diversity

Sirs: I wish to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In short, I strongly believe that the FCC should not only retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question, but also should endeavor to strengthen them. If there is anything that the broadcast industry does NOT need at this time, it is further consolidation.

A healthy democracy depends on an open marketplace for ideas and their discussion. More consolidation simply means that fewer and fewer avenues will be available for those whose views may diverge from those who control the major outlets. In my view, the public interest will best be served by preserving or strengthening and not by weakening media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Sincerely,  
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